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1. PRIME MINISTERS BARROW AND PINDLING YESTERDAY
ADDRESSED THE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE ON THE THREAT TO
BELIZE FROM GUATEMALA AND POSSIBLE MEANS OF GUARANTING
ITS SECURITY FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE "DAILY NEWS" THE CONFERENCE AGREED
ON THE NEED TO SUPPORT BELIZE IN ITS MOVES TOWARDS
INDEPENDENCE BUT DISAGREED OVER HOW TO CONTAIN THE
GUATEMALAN THREAT. A SMALL COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FROM BARBADOS, THE BAHAMAS, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND
P. M. PRICE OF BELIZE WAS SET UP TO LOOK INTO THIS

3. THE NEWS STORY CONTINUES THAT WHEN THE
COMMITTEE ADJOURNED ITS SITTING LAST NIGHT, THE
CARIBBEAN GROUP WAS ARGUING THAT BRITAIN SHOULD OFFER
SECURITY TO AN INDEPENDENT BELIZE, WHILE THE BRITISH
WANTED THE SECURITY TO BE OFFERED THROUGH AN AGENCY
SUCH AS THE UN OR OAS. THE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE ITS
DISCUSSION THIS MORNING. GERARD

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